(c) and (d) Seeing the water scarcity being faced by the State of Andhra Pradesh, Union Minister of Water Resources on 11th September 2003 impressed upon Chief Ministers□ of Karnataka to view favourably the request of Andhra Pradesh especially in the present critical situation and take immediate steps for release of water.

Central Assistance for Modernisation of Tungabhadra Canals

784. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to assist in modernization of Tungabhadra canals for mutual benefit of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to resolve water sharing issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) No proposal for providing assistance for modernisation of Tungabhadra Canals has been received from the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

(c) The sharing of water stored in the Tungabhadra Dam between Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka is governed by the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal Award (KWDT). The Tungabhadra Board is overseeing implementation of the KWDT Award.

Long term solution to drought

785. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are working on long term solution to drought;

(b) if so, the details of the 30 inter basin revierlinks including basins having surplus water to share, State-wise and category-wise;

(c) the details of 174 pilot recharge projects State-wise and category-wise;

(d) the steps taken for propagating rain water harvesting, State-wise, as on today, and